ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A shutter system for covering a wall opening includes a retractable and deployable barrier assembly and at least one pair of cooperating support braces. The barrier assembly and each brace define respective holes for receiving fasteners that will be used to attach the pair(s) of braces together to reinforce the barrier assembly. When deployed, the barrier assembly covers the wall opening and defines an inside surface proximate the wall opening and an outside surface facing the source of any displacement forces. Each pair of support braces includes an interior brace that is mountable within the wall opening and an exterior brace constructed for positioning against the outside surface of the barrier assembly. The fasteners are inserted through the holes in the exterior support braces, then through the holes in the barrier assembly, and finally through the holes in the interior support braces during use of the system.

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